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WE NOTE WITH INTEREST THE ARGENTINE SUGGESTION IN REF B
THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MEET AT TECHNICAL LEVEL FOR EX-
CHANGE OF VIEWS ON WORLD GRAIN SITUATION AND DISCUSSION OF
METHODOLOGY FOR SUPPLY/DEMAND FORECASTS. SUCH MEETING
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COULD ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW OF SITU-
ATION AND OUTLOOK FOR OUR RESPECTIVE TWO COUNTRIES IN
PARTICULAR.

IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION, IT
WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS RECENT MATTERS OF CONCERN
TO BOTH SIDES THAT RELATE TO CURRENT EXPORT ACTIVITY FOR

WHEAT FROM EACH OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN SUCH DISCUSSION, UNITED STATES COULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PROGRAM ACTIVITY, INCLUDING COVERAGE OF CCC CREDIT WITH REFERENCE TO POINTS MENTIONED IN REF C. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF NEW SYSTEM OF EXPORTS FOR WHEAT FROM ARGENTINA, INCLUDING SYSTEM FOR MONITORING COMMITMENTS.

IN VIEW OF THE INCLUSION OF CURRENT EXPORT ACTIVITY IN THE DISCUSSIONS, OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO SCHEDULE A TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE, PERHAPS FOR ONE FULL DAY. TENTATIVELY, WE WOULD SUGGEST JANUARY 25, 26 OR 27. OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO FIRST HAVE A ONE-DAY SESSION IN WASHINGTON LATE JANUARY, COVERING THE ENTIRE RANGE OF TOPICS MENTIONED ABOVE, AND THEN FOLLOW LATER, PERHAPS IN LATE FEBRUARY OR MARCH, WITH AN ADDITIONAL MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES WHICH WOULD CONCENTRATE MORE FULLY, IF NOT SOLELY, UPON TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF METHODOLOGY FOR WORLD SUPPLY/DEMAND FORECASTS; PRESUMABLY THE SECOND MEETING BEING HELD IN BUENOS AIRES WOULD PERMIT INCLUSION OF SOMEWHAT LARGER GROUP OF ANALYSTS FROM ARGENTINE SIDE, THUS MAKING IT MORE USEFUL TO THEM. HOPEFULLY THE US REPRESENTATIVES COULD COMBINE SUCH MEETING WITH SEVERAL DAYS VISIT TO GRAIN PRODUCING AREAS IN ARGENTINA AT THAT TIME.

PLEASE CONVEY THE FOREGOING TO APPROPRIATE ARGENTINE OFFICIALS AND ADVISE WHETHER THE PROPOSED TOPICS AND EITHER OF THE TWO PROPOSED DATES WOULD BE AGREEABLE.
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